

charred bed the body of Mrs. Allen, and all the while the gong set going by the freakish fire continued ringing, and outside the prison walls, about 100 yards up the drive, Campbell loitered apparently unconcerned, watching the antics of the playful puppy, and when Capt. A. J. Clarkson, chief probation officer, yelled to Campbell that the warden's house was afire, he asserts the negro was neither surprised nor excited, but answered: "I don't thing it is."

In the wreck of the charred bed was found bits of a jug that had contained wood alcohol, and it is believed the contents of this jug were poured over the bed before it was set afire.

Dr. John P. Benson, who found a rectangular fracture on the right side of Mrs. Allen's skull, said it might have been made by a blow from the thermos bottle and Campbell says he took the thermos bottle to the room. No other weapon but it and the pieces of a jug that also might have been used to strike the blow was found.

Mrs. Allen had frequently been called the "angel of the prison." She was very beautiful and a former comic opera favorite, last prima donna in a company presenting the "Merry Widow." She was the second wife of the warden and had been married to him five years.

Much of the "honor system" by which convicts were given positions of trust is said to have been due to her tender heart and what effect the atrocious crime committed by one degenerate may have on the system that has benefitted thousands of men is a matter of grave conjecture.

Warden Allen is in a pitiful condition as a result of the tragedy. It is said that he will take his two children and go away from Joliet.

#### GERMANY PROTESTS USE OF U. S. FLAG BY ALLIES

Washington, June 21. — Serious charges of abuse by the allies of the American flag have been made by

Germany to the state department, it became known today.

They covered at least half a dozen instances in the past two months.

The American embassy at London was asked for a report, but has not yet replied.

#### CAPITALIZING HORROR

That half-page ad in today's Chicago American was one of the worst examples of capitalizing and commercializing a horrible crime that ever appeared in a newspaper.

In big type these words appeared: "YOU have heard what happened at Joliet yesterday morning. See 'The Birth of a Nation' at the Illinois theater and then ask—WHY?"

The awful crime was the murder of Mrs. Allen, wife of the warden of the Joliet penitentiary. A negro was suspected, but has not yet been proven guilty.

"The Birth of a Nation" is a wonderful picture, but is charged with inciting race hatred—especially of the whites toward the negro.

Yet that advertisement would do more to stir up race hatred than the picture itself could do, being sprung on the public just at a time when the public mind was horrified by that awful crime.

No newspaper should have accepted that advertisement. It is a proper subject for the ad men of the world to discuss.

Is somebody trying to start a race war in Chicago? Does that somebody want punishment visited on decent negroes, even if it should develop that one is an inhuman beast?

P. S.—This ad appeared in the early editions of the American and Journal, but not in the News and Post. It was evidently taken out of the later editions.

#### JOSH WISE SAYS

"Two panhandlers tackled old Judge Skoover, our local tightwad, but not with luck. He didn't take nothin' away from either one of 'em."